

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/402,185

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Examiner: Jonathan J. Johnson

Applicant: Karl-Erik KNIPSTRÖM et al.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FRICTION STIR  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (hereinafter 'Action') mailed February 6, 2006, the due date having been extended three (3) months to August 6, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

	<b>Claims remaining after Amendment</b>		<b>Highest number previously paid for</b>		<b>Present extra</b>
<b>Total</b>	35	-	39	=	0
<b>Independent</b>	7	-	9	=	0